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5. That the presentation of papers be restricted to members of the Club, and that provision be made for their publication as an anniversary volume of the Memoirs. We find after a study of the present membership of the Club that not less than 125 members might be able to communicate either formal papers, observations or reminiscences, and that perhaps half that number of members might be expected to do so. Assuming that 60 documents of one kind or another might be brought out, and that we could expect to publish a volume of about 480 pages, an average of eight pages per communication would be available. It would therefore be desirable to have only a few papers which would require more than, say, 16 pages of type.

6. As to the presentation of papers, assuming three sessions of two hours each, there will be 6 hours, or 360 minutes, which would give an average of 6 minutes per paper. It would therefore be desirable to have but few papers which would require more than 10 minutes for presentation. It is probable, however, that a considerable number of papers would be sent in by members unable to be present, as the membership of the Club is very widely distributed, and many of these might be read by title.

7. The coöperation of the department of botany of Columbia University, of the New York Botanical Garden and of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden has been assured.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NEWS ITEMS

Dr. Caroline A. Black, recently associate professor of botany in the New Hampshire College, has accepted the position of associate professor in the department of biology in the Connecticut College for Women at New London, where she will have charge of the botanical work in succession to Dr. Arthur H. Graves, who has resigned.

The death, on July 5, of M. Paul Hariot, for many years in

practical charge of the important collections of bryophytes, algae and fungi at the Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle in Paris, will be mourned by the numerous American botanists who have enjoyed his courteous and helpful coöperation in their taxonomic studies.

Charles Horton Peck, for more than 45 years the State Botanist for New York, died on July 10, 1917, in his eighty-fifth year. He was widely known for his studies of fungi.